(b) Does not arise.

(c) MMTC has recently agreed to provide incentives for systematic and scientific development of mines and also for increasing the output and procurement of iron ore.

Vacancies of Judges

1006. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of judges are still lying vacant in a number of High Courts;

(b) what is the number of posts of judges filled up by the end of April, 1990; and

(c) what are the details of the steps being taken to fill up the remaining vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) As on 1-5-1990, 87 posts of Judges were lying vacant in various High Courts out of the total sanctioned strength of 463 posts.

(b) Since 1-1-90 till 30th April, 1990, 20 fresh appointments of Judges were made in different High Courts.

(c) Nearly 40 proposals relating to appointment of Judges in the High Courts of Bombay, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Patna, and Punjab & Haryana are in an advanced stage of consultation.

Functioning of regional rural banks in Orissa

1007. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Rural Banks in Orissa are not functioning satisfactorily;

(b) whether there is a need to revamp the structure and management of the Regional Rural Banks in Orissa; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) There are at present 9 Regional Rural Banks functioning in Orissa covering all the 13 districts in the State. These Regional Rural Banks had 790 branches, mobilised deposits of Rs. 100.51 crores and their outstanding advances stood at Rs. 174.23 crores at the end of June 1988 thus having a credit deposit ratio of 173 per cent as compared to All India figure of 99 per cent. The average business per branch of Regional Rural Banks in Orissa is Rs. 34.80 lakhs as against Rs. 36.00 lakhs per branch for all the Regional Rural Banks taken together.

The financial position of the Regional Rural Banks which are incurring losses is being monitored by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development every quarter and remedial action is suggested to them as well as to their sponsor banks. There is no proposal at present to revamp the structure and management of the Regional Rural Banks in the country including those functioning in the State of Orissa.

High prices of synthetic and Synthetic blended fabrics

1008. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the studies carried out by the Market Survey Reaserch Wing of the Textile Committee there is a high mark up between the ex-mill price of synthetic and synthetic blended fabrics and the retail price of these fabrics;

(b) if so, what exactly is the mark up between the ex-mill prices and the retail prices;